

The Examiner has objected to the specification. The specification has been amended to overcome this rejection.

The Examiner has rejected claims 12-19 under 35 U.S.C. 112 first paragraph.

Claims 12-19 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 20-27 have been added. The specification and the drawings have been amended to show a further section 4, 5, having a hole in it for receiving a screw. In addition, this further section 4, 5 is shown in the drawings as having numerous fine wires that are welded together.

The Examiner has rejected claims 12-14 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Norris.

The applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. The applicant believes that the end of wire bundle 76 is inserted into a hole 78. Therefore it is virtually impossible to weld the wire bundle 76 into the recess 78. If the bundle of wires was welded into the recess then there would not be a good connection. In addition, part 12 in Norris is made of lead and it is impossible to weld a cable of copper wires to a lead connector.

The Examiner has rejected claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as

being unpatentable over Norris.

Claim 15 which is now rewritten as claim 23 depends upon claim 20. The applicant believes that claim 20 is patentable over Norris because the further section of the present invention as in claim 20 is welded whereas the wire bundle 76 which is inserted into recess 78 is not welded.

The Examiner has rejected claims 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Norris.

Claims 17-19 have been canceled without prejudice and rewritten as new claims 25-27.

The applicant believes that in Norris because the wire bundle 76 is inserted into recess 78, it would be impossible to weld these wires together. Therefore the applicant believes that the use of an ultrasonic machine could not be anticipated by Norris.

Claims 12-19 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 20-27 have been added. The applicant has also amended the specification and drawings based upon the Examiner's instructions. Accordingly, the applicant believes that the remaining claims are patentable over Norris. Thus, the applicant respectfully requests early allowance of the remaining claims.

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The battery terminal connecting cable 1 shown in Figures 1 and 2 essentially consists of a strand 2 comprising numerous fine wires surrounded in a central region by some insulation 3. At both ends the strand 2 is pressed together to form a flattened end or further section 4 or 5. At this flattened end there is welded a contact piece 6 or 7. The contact pieces 6 or 7 exhibit a region 8 or 9 of reduced thickness where the flattened part or further section 4 or 5 of the strand 2 is welded on by means of an ultrasound welding method. The reduced-thickness section 8 of the contact piece 6 is followed by a somewhat thicker region 10 or 11 having a central hole 12 or 13. The holes 12 or 13 are used to secure the contact piece to a battery terminal (not shown) via a screw [(not shown)] inserted in the hole.

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